

The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
June 22, 2007

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was conducted on June 22, 2007 at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY.

Members Present

Artie Grassman, Chair
Russell Anderson, Vice Chair
Drew Weldon
Heather Lewis

Occupations and Professions

Jeff Boler, Board Administrator
Claude Wagner, Division Director

Members Absent

Debbie Ward
Teresa Moon-Flaherty

Others

Scott Porter, Board Attorney
Tammy Cantrell, Interpreter
Amy Windhurst, Interpreter

Artie Grassman, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The board discussed communication etiquette in board meetings. To ensure that our deaf members are able to communicate and participate in board discussions, the board members agreed to raise their hands, and the chairperson will identify them as the speaker on the floor.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 18th meeting. Drew Weldon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Heather Lewis, carried.

Financial Statement

The board reviewed the financial statement for the month ending April 30, 2007. Russell Anderson made a motion to approve the statement as presented. The motion, seconded by Drew Weldon, carried.

Monthly Status Report

A licensure status report for the month of May, 2007 was provided for the board members information. The report shows that there are 147 permanent licensees, and 161 temporary licensees.

Director's Report

Claude Wagner, Division discussed the current fee structure of the board, and informed the board that he will be recommending some changes to the Finance Cabinet. These changes would be an

attempt at making the board self-sustaining, without any additional source of income. These changes could also mean an increase in annual renewal fees.

Mr. Wagner discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The agreement would required the board administrator to send an electronic roster of licensee information to KHEAA, so it could be compared to their list of default student loans. Drew Weldon made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion, seconded by Russell Anderson, carried.

New Business

The board had allotted some time to hear a presentation on the Educational Professional Standards Board, and the creation of an interpreter classification. The presenters did not appear as requested.

The board reviewed a revised application form. This form added the National Interpreter Certification (NIC) as a valid certification for licensure.

The board reviewed it's recently revised regulations, and made multiple corrections. These corrections are to be reviewed at the next board meeting for final approval. (Karen, could you have a copy prepared for our Board meeting?)

Russell Anderson made a motion to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of creating a full educational license. The motion, seconded by Drew Weldon, carried. The committee will be made up of representatives from the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KBI), Kentucky Association of the Deaf, Kentucky Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (KYRID), Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH), Eastern Kentucky University Interpreter Training Program, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Artie Grassman, Board Chair announced that this will be Drew Weldon's last meeting due to a move. Ms. Grassman thanked Mr. Weldon for his years of service, and also acknowledged Kelly Peace, for her years of service as well.

Russell Anderson made a motion to approve travel and per diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Drew Weldon, carried.

With no further business to conduct, the board adjourned at 12:30 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Friday, September 14, at 11:00 AM.

Approved by the board,

Artie Grassman
Board Chair